

Appl. No. 10/823,728
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 8 remains in the application.

The Examiner had objected to Claim 8 as not properly defining the method. As requested, this claim has been amended to disclose the steps of interweaving the support platform and then utilizing the same string or cord weaving at least handles onto opposing peripheral edges net. The amendments to the claim are supported in the description on page 3.

Claim 8 had been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snee in view of Synder. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Snee is directed to a rope sling for gun shells wherein a rope sling is made from a single piece of rope. However, Snee does not describe a structure similar to that of the presently amended claim, namely a roast lifter having a support platform and at least two handles interwoven onto opposite sides of the support platform. While Synder may disclose the use of butcher's twine, the purpose of the Synder patent is directed to a method of processing dressed foul for dressing a boneless foul. There is no teaching or suggestion in Synder of using butcher's twine for a roast lifter. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that one of skill in the art would not be led to combine the teaching of the references in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

In view of all of the foregoing it is respectfully submitted that the application is allowable and early allowance is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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